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A look through our store will convince you that we mean what we say.

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CAPITAL PUNISHMENT.

Reflections on the Guilt Case.

EDITORS OF CHRONICLE:

President Garfield is dead, and

the assassin Guiteau still lives. How

strange and mystic are the ways of

human life! A great and good man

has fallen by the hand of violence,

and the national heart is throbbing

with emotion. The question looms

up freighted with fear and responsibility.

"What shall be done with the

murderer?" In discussing this

question, together with capital punishment,

I have no disposition

whatever, were I able so to do, to

prejudice Guiteau's case, or in influencing

a proper verdict in the press.

If the jury should find that

the deed was committed premeditatedly,

malice being presumed by the law, then and

in that case, the penalty is death; this, of course,

depending upon the sanity or insanity

of the accused.

It is not my purpose to discuss

this question. It is a subject

which I know nothing, and the

name will be controlled by the jury

under the direction of the court trying

the same, upon the testimony of

experts in such cases. A plea of

insanity upon Guiteau's part, properly

supported by proof, should be as

universally respected by the American

people as though he had slain

the humblest citizen in the United

States.

It is urged that inasmuch as he

was the great head of the

nation, the crime is more heinous

in its character, and should be visited

by a ten-fold retribution. A re-

flecting public will pardon me if I

fall to see it in that light. Some

have alleged that the case under

consideration is treason. I fail to

see this proposition in that light.

Upon the tragic death of President

Lincoln, President Garfield himself

exclaimed, "The Government at

Washington still lives."

The Government of these United

States is predicated upon and has its

being upon the united will of a

united people. I mean, of course, a

union of popular sovereignty; and

I do not believe that our institu-

tions would be endangered through

fifty Presidents were slain.

We feel in the death of President

Garfield the loss in a national point

of view as almost irreparable, and

greatly to be deplored; yet, murder

is murder, whether it strikes the

high or the low, and the man being

sane who commits murder must pay

the penalty, which is death, by our

law. Now, the main question comes

up, "Is capital punishment

justified?" In other words, should we

as a civilized and progressive people,

inflict, under any circumstances, the

death penalty?" Our actions,

thoughts, and desires are over-

whelmingly controlled by early ed-

ucation. True there is a woful de-

parture in too many instances from

early discipline; yet, our energies

should bend to this direction with

unabated zeal and fixedness of pur-

pose, and wherever and whenever

there is a departure and murder is

the result, there possibly might be

a penalty more in accord with reli-

gion and human reasoning than the

infliction of the death penalty. In

one or two of the States there is no

death penalty. Beyond this, I be-

lieve that revolting crimes are more

rare in those States than in many

others.

conception, is to make one criminal

responsible for the anticipated

crime of others, which is certainly

against common sense and sound

reasoning.

It is true that society demands

perfect immunity from the volun-

tary of its laws, and we cannot, of

course, treat its felons with unre-

strained freedom, thereby giving a

premium for a violation of law, and

a bid for lawlessness and vice; yet

when a murderer is placed in such

a position as will give this perfect

assurance of future safety, then all

is accomplished which a wise legis-

lation should demand.

But it is urged that we would

have too many murders if we were

to render null and void the death

penalty. This does not follow as

a necessary consequence, and I ex-

pect very much whether an execution

ever yet was the instrument pre-

ventive to crime. In my humble

opinion, it is rather an incentive

to crime. Men sometimes

witness lawlessness and the shed-

ding of blood until they themselves

become callous and hardened to ev-

ery sense of morality and refine-

ment; this whether it be in the

cesses of war, or in the

non-tide of brutal civilization

witnessing a judicial execution.

Punishment is most assuredly ad-

apted to the prevention of crime, but

the salutary, wholesome lesson,

most necessarily reach beyond its

infliction, but if a judicial execution

does not abate crime, which we

most sincerely doubt, why the nec-

essary?

The world, in my humble judg-

ment, is slowly yet surely advanc-

ing to a higher plane, looking to

the sentiment "peace on earth, and

good will towards men." Did the

malefactor gibbet, although pro-

nounced legal by a human being

wearing the judicial ermine, tend

to bring about this elevated ascen-

dancy?

No sane man with three grains

of sound reasoning dare make the

assertion. The world, from Cain to

the present, has progressed, and

almost inconceivable atrocities per-

petrated under the garb of public

necessity, law and religion. Ire-

land with its surging miseries and

upheavals of sorrow too plainly tell

the sad tale of woe and suffering

when a little more love, a little more

charity blended with moral sen-

sation would have done more in cor-

recting existing evils if any there

were in five years than could be af-

fected in a century by the inexora-

ble law of progress and death. We

are aware of the old Jewish law,

that if man should shed blood by

man should his blood be shed.

Does this maxim adapt itself to the

wants and requirements of the

nineteenth century? We should

rather question its adaptation to any

age, or among any people. While

we are true to confess that punish-

ment for crime is an imperative

public necessity, yet the ends of

that punishment justify the means.

Reformation in the criminal

should be the great desideratum

in a wise legislator, and how this

reformation is to be effected at the

scaffold we fail to discern.

Charles J. Guiteau if he were

sane at the commission of this

crime, is guilty of murder and will

no doubt suffer the penalty of the

"Our House."

The following pleasant reminis-

cence of the early life of our own

distinguished congressman, Hon.

John F. House, we clip from the

Franklin Progress:

Hon. John F. House, who is a

native of Williamson county, and a

son of whom we are justly proud, re-

ceived the foundation of his educa-

tion at the old Atholpore Insti-

tute in this neighborhood, at that

time under the charge of that prince

of teachers, the late Edwin Pasch-